

DAILY EXPRESS

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OPINION
EMOTION IN
COMMAND

THE no-hanging vote in the Commons is a triumph for emotionalism. It cannot be claimed that it is based on reason, for all the logical argument is in favour of retaining this immense deterrent.

Nor does it reflect the public view. It is quite clear that the majority opinion is against abolition.

Sympathy is on the side of the victims. What then will be the feeling now in cases of calculated murder by poisoning? Or if a professional criminal should risk gunning down a policeman in order to avoid arrest?

This vote raises the prospect of arming the police force. The Government is not obliged to act on the vote. Certainly, it should not rush new legislation.

If wiser counsels do not prevail in the Commons, the Lords, with its immense experience of judicial affairs, may provide a truer reflection of the public will.

TURNING THE SCREW

BOLDLY Mr. Macmillan wades in against Mr. Rising Price. He ups Bank rate by a hefty 1 per cent. And today he deals out further stern measures to compel Britain to live within her means.

What will the consumer say to all this? He will be willing to accept restrictions framed in the national interest—provided every turn of the screw on himself is matched by an equal squeeze on Whitehall.

Provide a spur

BUT restrictions by themselves will not be enough. Mr. Macmillan should now set out to give the nation incentives to apply its energies where the economy needs them.

- 1: Incentives to produce.
 - 2: Incentives to earn.
 - 3: Incentives to save.
- The surge of effort from such a policy would soon correct the British economy.

NYE PLUNGES ON

MR. ANEURIN BEVAN utters a shout of pain. The shout lasts for 2,000 words in the Daily Express. It is Mr. Bevan's response to the unpalatable fact that Socialism has failed.

Mr. Gaiskell, who sees this as clearly as Mr. Bevan, tries to find a new way out. He is groping for a programme that will sound like Socialism while avoiding dismal reminders of nationalisation.

Mr. Bevan has more political honesty. Behind his argument lies the assumption that a party launched to promote an ideal had better stick to that ideal even if it is branded with failure.

Socialism has to plunge blindly on. For what is the alternative? To pause, to reflect, to doubt? But the moment it does that it denies the whole reason for its existence.

Back to bumbledom

So what is the vision held up before the reader who has wrestled with Mr. Bevan's prose?

It is familiar and threadbare:—Back to a "national economic plan." Back to "blueprints" carefully worked out.

Back, in short, to the whole discredited paraphernalia of bureaucracy and bumbledom which, he admits, the Socialist Government "abandoned in sheer weariness and frustration."

Blueprint—for what?

MR. BEVAN wants to set it all up again, and give it greater power than before by bringing more industries under State ownership.

The State grander. Bureaucracy stronger. More power in fewer hands. That—when all the fine, indignant words are swept aside—is the Bevan Plan. It is indeed a blueprint—the blueprint for a modern tyranny.

TALKING POINT

Young man! Get a hobby.—Edward Newton.

What this Country needs is —



Nylons—a serious question...

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(no rates, no taxes, or electricity bills) charge more than many West End restaurants? Herbert, cravat, Chelsea, 10. I am a private secretary, 31 in a few weeks, proud of my appearance... and all my savings go on stockings. I have bought five pairs, and it is rare

As one who meets the public in daily life, my evidence shows that nylons are providing an excellent service. My favourite newspaper I accuse of unfair and unfounded prejudice. VICTOR, Manorvale, Brentford, Middx.

NEW ZEALAND has an egg marketing board, and the average 2 in 12 "new laid eggs" are bad on buying. Prices are far too high, and the only way to get a new laid egg is to keep a few chickens—on getting poultry milk for her baby son suffering from infantile eczema; cows' milk is an irritant for patients with this illness.

THE WRITER of this letter is here on New Zealand Government business. Mount Pleasant-road, Tottenham, N. Mrs. Read (Page Five, 4/20/56) described her difficulty in getting poultry milk for her baby son suffering from infantile eczema; cows' milk is an irritant for patients with this illness.

THE Board sent an official to Suffolk, where nothing was known about a return of siphons made in 1861 as official returns were made for the first time in 1867. Offers of siphons from other countries poured in. Finally, two old siphons were found by a gas inspector in the cupboard of a cottage at Ipswich. The owner, who had evicted, compensation being offered to the catchy tune of 8d., and the siphons were sent to the Ministry. There the matter rests at present.

Functional, I dare say A NEWLY-DESIGNED house which has a garage on the upper floor, gives one a picture of snug family life, so long as the architect has managed to avoid bringing the car through the television room. One way to avoid this would be to get the car out through an opening in the roof and bring it down a ramp outside. Another way would be to fold into the wall like the furniture would save space; or a car which could be used as a kitchen with a detachable sink under the steering wheel, and an electric tin-opener which plugs in.

SOMEONE at the Ministry of Housing discovered the other day that there were two hyphens missing from Suffolk's census report of 1861. Immediately the Ministry hummed with activity. During the night, a spokesman thought the word was siphons and sent a minute to the Board of Works.

ENTIRELY agree with Philip Harben's bouquet for railway catering (this column, Wednesday), but would be comment on prices? When I ask stewards why charges are so high, they murmur "extra overheads." Why should a restaurant on wheels

ANN L. HARRISON, Drury-avenue, Heston, Leeds. Miss Harrison probably pays between 7s. 11d. and 10s. 11d. a pair for her 15 denier sheer nylons.

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CONCLUDING A STERN POLITICAL LECTURE ON 'THE SOCIALISM I WANT'

Aneurin Bevan

by M.P.

A COUNTRY like the United States, that did not bear the main brunt of two world wars, and which enjoyed unparalleled natural resources can afford, at least for a time, to permit its people an unregulated scramble for personal wealth.

This is not the present position of Britain, nor of any other Western nation. Necessity compels us to cut our clothes according to our cloth. It does not follow that the clothes will be any less attractive on that account.

Unless we are to stagger from one crisis to another we must face the task of apportioning our resources over those objectives which we regard as having first claim.

For example we allowed ourselves to let up on the task of reconstruction too soon after the war and want for an orgy of personal spending before we had first completed the work of expanding our basic industries to the stage where they could carry a higher level of personal spending.

It was essential to put more machine power at the disposal of the working population so as to produce the goods which the country needs. Whatever else we may charge against them, this, the Russian leaders did not do.

IT is not enough to reply that they were able to make their people go without what they wanted because of the character of their political system. It is up to us to prove that our democratic methods are equally efficient for the purposes of industrial expansion.

It is again not enough to point to the total levels of industrial production. These totals conceal the fact that we have spent the heavy industries first of all. It is primarily from that failure we are now suffering, as witness the fact that last year we spent 2,000,000 on imported steel at a time when our lack of foreign exchange is our most difficult problem.

Even now the spokesmen of the steel industry point with glee to the fact that it looks as though steel will remain in short supply at a time when the United States enjoys a surplus of steel capacity and the newspapers carry stories of an immense Russian expansion.

Of course, the significance for the future is our failure to turn out enough scientists and high-grade technicians from our schools and universities as compared with Soviet Union. This is true also of the U.S.

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But if such a plan is to succeed some forms of production will have to take a back place. The over-extended system of disposal must be denied to some and made available to others.

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more important to tell people what to do than what to stop doing. Government by persistent interference is always unpopular, and usually brings about a reaction before the end in view is accomplished.

FRUSTRATION FURTHERMORE, private enterprise cannot be brought to willingly forgo the chance of making profits, no matter how these may not fit in with the central national purpose.

THE Labour Government discovered that, in the end, abandoned all kinds of physical controls over the economy, in favour of a system of financial controls.

It is the nature of private enterprise to believe that what is in its own interest is also good for the nation as a whole, and we have seen where that has brought us.

PROGRAMME IF you want a national plan you must have a national instrument, obedient to the overriding national interest. It is impossible to work through and with a congeries of private vested interests.

That is why I am convinced that only a through-going programme of enlarged public ownership can measure up to the needs of Britain in the present crisis in our affairs.

Dismiss it as Socialism if you like, but if you have another way let's hear it. But in the name of Britain and the hope that we will one day play a leading role in world history, do not let us deceive ourselves with romantic illusions and short-sighted financial manipulations.

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Marie Stopes and Sleep

NEW BOOK... by NANCY SPAIN

LOVE and Marriage are my favourite topics of conversation. So, of course, are they the favourites of Joan Regan, Alma Cogan, and (I thought) Dr. Marie Stopes.

But that was before I read her book SLEEP (Chatto and Windus, 10s.), out today.

How astonishing it is, after 50 years of battle to find the old girl (now in her seventies) lacking a subject so mild.

But, believe me, Dr. Marie has even succeeded in finding mattresses controversial.

The fumes given off by "gaily coloured hot-water bottles" give Dr. Marie "cramps in the legs."

Soft foam rubber mattresses are "pernicious." But why? "Because rubber is an insulator, and cuts you off from the electric currents of the earth."

WHAT else? Well, a bed of your own or a silk-worm silk nightgown. Pyjamas are "pernicious." And married people should not share a room. Then you should sleep head towards magnetic north, in a dark room.

Why on earth, you ask? Well, it's lighter and warmer. After this, alas, there are lots of things that can go wrong. Indigestion, constipation, lack of exercise, pain. All these things can rob you of sleep.

Or your thoughts. On dear me, yes. Worry. Fear. Obsession with sin. To say nothing of Reading in Bed. This is the worst thing of the lot.

and mine FEAR be it from me, in my habits, to attempt a wrangle with Dr. Marie. (I admire her far too much for that.) But my bed goes east and west and shows the magnetic north. It is loaded with the thickest blankets I can find.

I read every night in bed (otherwise I'd never get this column written). I am full of grief, worry, and work thoughts and I wear pernicious pyjamas. I don't take any exercise at all and whenever I can I have a coloured hot-water bottle.

So why, why, why, Doctor Marie, dear, do I sleep like a nervous baby? Is it possible that you, who talk such a lot of common sense about everything else, are just a teeny-bit of a crank about sleep?

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Rupert and the Winter Woolly-14



Rupert stretches out towards the extraordinary insect, but before he can touch it, it has jumped again and again until it reaches the window, where it clings to a pane of glass. Does it want to get away from us? he whispers. Taking the leaf he holds it forward and the caterpillar, slowly, walks on to it. "This is amazing!" says the Professor. "I must put them both in my museum." "Oh, no, please," Rupert pleads. "I want to show them to my Mummy first."

Morley nylons make fashion news

FAVOURITE

by MORLEY

So very fine yet wear so well

You've been looking for a nylon like this. "Favourite" has just that quality of sheerness and elasticity which gives you the extra smooth fit that is so lovely.

FAVOURITE 15 denier, 8/11 pr.

ALL MORLEY NYLONS ARE SEVEN TIMES CHECKED

Your Morley stockings will last even longer if you wash them in Nymor, 1/6d. a bottle.

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